

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 1-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Lamb et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,747,970; hereinafter referred to as "Lamb").

Rejections Based Upon 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

With respect to the independent claims 1, 11, 21 and 29, Applicants believe that the Present Office Action mischaracterizes the User Agent of Lamb, as represented by the user agent data structure (col. 38, Table 1), as a vInvitation object of the present invention. In short, one fundamental difference between Lamb's User Agent and a vInvitation object is that a vInvitation object is transmitted between users to establish a conference call and a User Agent is not. Applicant's vInvitation object is clearly defined in the Specification as an object that is transmitted between users. One example of the transmission of a vInvitation object is described in the Applicants' Specification at Step 307 of Process 300 (**FIG. 3**). In fact, Lamb does not teach or suggest a structure comparable to a vInvitation object, i.e. an object that can be transmitted between users and includes "logic for establishing a connection to [a] conference call" (Claims 1, 12 and 29).

The User Agent of Lamb described in Table 1 is more properly characterized as a type of user profile data structure wherein each User Agent is associated with a single user, as illustrated by the following excerpt:

"The general concept of the system design of this embodiment of the invention is that each user agent **301** is assigned to a particular system user and each can be programmed and configured by that user in a manner that is desirable to that user"

(col. 30, lines 6-10). One of the benefits of a vInvitation object is that the user who transmits the object can control aspects, or configurations, of the connection that is ultimately established by the disclosed subject matter.

Lamb does suggest a means to communicate between User Agents, i.e. call signaling messages (**230**). However, Lamb's call signaling messages **230** do not teach or suggest Applicants' vInvitation object because as Lamb states, "[A]ll call service logic is handled by the user agent within the telecommunications hosting server" (col. 30, lines 10-12). Therefore,

neither User Agents 301 nor User Agents 301 in conjunction with call signaling messages 230 teach or suggest Applicant's claimed vInvitation object.

With respect to claims 2, 12, 22 and 30, the Office Action does not indicate, and Applicants can not find, any reference in Lamb that teaches or suggests a mechanism for invalidating Lamb's User Agent. In fact, considering the nature of a User Agent it would not seem logical to provide this type of feature.

With respect to claims 3-5 13-15, 23-25 and 31-33, Lamb does not teach or suggest encrypting a telephone number. Rather, User Agent data Structure, Authorization Information provides "encrypted username/password" (col. 38, Table 1, entry 334).

Each of dependant claims 2-10, 12-20, 22-28 and 30-36 are allowable at least for the fact that they depend upon an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

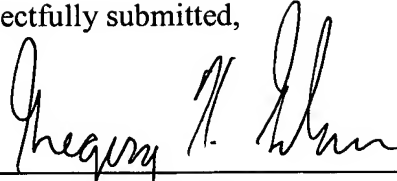
In order to reject a claimed invention under §102(e), the cited reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly. (M.P.E.P. §706.02). In addition, **"All words in a claim must be considered** in judging the patentability of that claim against prior art." (*Id.*, citing *In re Wilson*, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385; 165 U.S.P.Q. 494, 496 (CCPA 1970); *emphasis added*).

It is respectfully submitted that all issues and rejections have been adequately addressed and that pending claims 1-36 are allowable and that the case should be advanced to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

It is believed that no fees are due with the filing of this Response. However, should any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to the deposit account of Fortkort Grether + Kelton, LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-27276.

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